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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: STRAITS TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME

REFS: (A) SINGAPORE 4997; (B) STATE 270609

1. DURING CALL NOVEMBER 26 ON DEPUTY SECRETARY MFA, TAN BOON SENG, DCM USED OPPORTUNITY TO REINFORCE U.S. POSITION ALREADY CONVEYED TO HOCHSTADT (REF A) SUPPORTING IMCO APPROVAL PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME. TAN EMPHASIZED THAT THE DECEMBER MEETING IN KUALA LUMPUR WOULD PROBABLY NOT WRAP UP TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME, AND THAT THERE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO BE SEVERAL MORE MEETINGS BEFORE FINAL AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED. HE NOTED THAT GOS WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT 3 METER UNDER KEEL CLEARANCE (UKC) REQUIREMENT HAD NOT YET BEEN ACCEPTED BY GOI OR GOM, AND THAT THIS COULD STILL BE A STICKING POINT. FURTHERMORE, IT WAS UNCLEAR WHETHER
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MALAYSIA AND INDONESIA HAD DROPPED THEIR INTEREST IN IMPOSING A

TONNAGE RESTRICTION.

2. TAN SAID THAT ON ONE OR TWO OCCASIONS IN PREVIOUS TRIPARTITE SESSIONS, GOS HAD MADE THE POINT THAT ANY SCHEME SHOULD BE APPROVED BY INCO. HOWEVER, THE GOS HAD NOT PUSHED THIS POINT IN VIEW OF ALL THE OTHER CONTROVERSIAL MATTERS AT ISSUE. HE SAID THAT IF AGREEMENT WERE REACHED IN DECEMBER MEETING ON THE OTHER ISSUES, THE GOS WOULD THEN HAVE TO PRESS THE POINT THAT IMCO APPROVAL WOULD BE ESSENTIAL BEFORE ANY SCHEME COULD BE IMPLEMENTED. TAN SAID THAT SINCE INDONESIA WAS REPRESENTED ON THE IMCO GOVERNING BOARD, THE GOS HAD BEEN TRYING TO GET INDONESIA MORE INVOLVED IN IMCO PROJECTS. HE NOTED THAT IMCO HAD SOME PLAN TO PROMOTE REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS, AND THAT AS THE CURRENT ASEAN SECRETARY GENERAL HE HAD MANAGED TO GIVE INDONESIA THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PURSUING THESE CONSULTATIONS ON BEHALF OF ASEAN.

3. COMMENT: THROUGH THE DISCUSSION, TAN WAS CLEARLY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF REACHING EARLY AGREEMENT ON TRAFFIC SEPARATION. HE STATED AT LEAST TWICE SINGAPORE'S STRONG COMMITMENT TO THE IMPORTANCE OF REQUIRING IMCO COORDINATION AND APPROVAL PRIOR TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY PLAN.
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